limits. All workers in the uranium fuel plants are equipped with personal protective clothings, hand gloves, safety shoes and respirators. Air monitoring is carried out regularly and the radioactivity levels are kept well within the prescribed limits. Periodic medical examination of the workers is also carried out.

Procurement of rice by FCI in Andhra Pradesh

*70. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of adequate procurement of rice by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) added to problems of Andhra farmers; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to solve the problems of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. During the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2000-01 (October-September 71.72 lakh MTs of rice was procured in Andhra Pradesh as against 54.98 lakh MTs during the preceding year. The procurement during the KMS 2000-01 was the highest in the history of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth rate of economy during Ninth Plan

*71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the focus of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002) was on accelerated growth recognizing a special role for agriculture for its stronger poverty reduction and employment generating effects; and

(b) if so, the growth rate of the economy, growth of agricultural sector, reduction in number of people below poverty line and growth in employment generation during each year of the Ninth Five Year Plan and Plan as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The growth rate of the economy and that of agriculture sector during the first four years of the Ninth Five Year Plan is given below.

Years	Economy(GDP)	Agriculture & Allied
1997-98	4.8	—2.4
1998-99	6.6	7.1
1999-2000	6.4	0.7
2000-2001	5.2	0.2
2001-2002	NA	NA
Ninth Plan (4 years)	5.7	1.3

SOURCE: National Accounts Statistics, 2001 CSO

The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. During the Nith Plan period, poverty has been estimated only for the year 1999-2000. Based, on the National Sample Survey data on consumer expenditure of the 55th Round, 26.10% of the population in 1999-2000 has been estimated to live below the poverty line. The immediate earlier estimate of poverty is available for the year 1993-94, based on the National Sample Survey data on consumer expenditure of the 50th Round. According to this, 35.97% of the population in 1993-94 was estimated to live below the poverty line.

The estimates of employment during the Ninth Plan period is available only for the year 1999-2000, based on the National Sample Survey data on Employment and Unemployment of the 55th Round. According to this, the total number of employed (work force) on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status basis is estimated as 397 million in 1999-2000. The immediate earlier estimate of employment is available for the year 1993-94, based on the National Sample Survey data on Employment and Unemployment of the 50th Round. According to this, the number of employed work force was estimated at 374.45 million in 1993-94.

Impact of terrorists attack in U.S.A. on cyber space in the country

*72. SHRIR.P.GOENKA:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the likely impact of the terrorist attacks in the USA on 11th September, 2001 on information technology sector in the country, particularly in Karnataka;